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Examiner: Robert S. Landsman

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2002. The period to respond is extended by payment of the appropriate fee, provided herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-79, all the pending claims, are subject to a restriction requirement.

The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of thirteen patentably distinct inventions for examination. The Office Action alleges that each of the inventions is distinct because, *inter alia*, "they are products which possess characteristic differences in structure and function and each has an independent utility that is distinct for each invention which cannot be exchanged." (Office Action at page 3).

Applicants provisionally elect herein Group II encompassing claims 30-35, "drawn to an isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, or variants thereof, classified in class 530, subclass 350".